

Saturday, Nov. 2 - 1861

I saw a letter from Cheever today. He gives a dark picture of the state of things around here and says that the tendency at the north is far from being more anti-slavery is the other way, and that a reign of terror prevents even abolitionists from talking as they used to do & even induces some of them to recommend a dovetailed policy. I sometimes fear the nation is hopelessly corrupted by their evil counsellors lay & clerical - that it is hopeless to try & persuade them to a better way. - If funds can be got here, what do you say should be done with them by way of abolishing American slavery? - Cheever talks of a politician who made a speech in New England in which he talks of your removing the fast anchored etc if she don't change her language about you. What a fool he must be - I think his name is Dickenson. - If the north favors slavery, I hope the Slave States may succeed in their rebellion - for then will be far more hope to the Slave than to us. The Union restored with slavery untouched would be a disgusting object to ~~the~~ civilized nations.

Yours  
R.D.W.



The son of Mrs. Brown left  
Lambert by the "Hazard" on the  
16<sup>th</sup> of September - so we could not  
have word of its arrival before this  
time. - Will you send me to Mrs. Mer-  
cer, Henry, & Esplanade, with my